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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Instead of confining the scheme to all the workers in one area, why should it not be applied to all the women workers on a State-wide basis? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The present scheme envisages medical benefit, sickness benefit and disablement benefit for all workers and the women workers get maternity benefit in addition. It is better to give these benefits to all workers instead of restricting them to women only, and so the Government have decided to apply the scheme to all workers."

Recommendations of the Jail Reforms Committee.

* 13 Q.—SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN (on behalf of Sri M. Narayana Kurup) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state how far the recommendations of the Jail Reforms Committee have been implemented?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Orders have been passed on certain recommendations in regard to classification of Jails; appointment of non-official visitors, medical relief in jails, and health of prisoners. The other recommendations which are extensive in scope, many having financial implications and requiring legislative amendments, are under the detailed consideration of the heads of departments concerned and of the Government."

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" How long will it take to implement the recommendations completely? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" It may take a few months."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" May I know whether there is any proposal to amend the Jail Manual in the light of the recommendations of the Jail Reforms Committee? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" That is why the report is being examined."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" The Hon. Minister answered that some of the recommendations were still under consideration. The Communist Party and the other parties in the Opposition are threatening to capture power. If they come into power, I am afraid many of us on this side are likely to be put behind the bars. Therefore, may I ask the hon. Minister to implement expeditiously the recommendations relating to the provision of more amenities to prisoners, particularly the ' C ' class prisoners as the Communist Party will put us only in the ' C ' class? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" I do not think we need be under any such apprehension in the present circumstances." 11-40 a.m.

DR. K. B. MENON :—" In view of financial difficulties in the introduction of changes on a large scale basis in the jail administration, will the Government, consider the introduction of essential changes in selected jails and make them model jails? "

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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" That is why the report is being considered. About 279 recommendations have been made and the Government are considering how far and in what respects they have to implement them."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know whether after the implementation of these recommendations, the conditions inside the jails would be better than the conditions outside them? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" They will be as perfect as possible."

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—" ஜெயில்களில் கைதிகளாக இருப்பவர்கள் அநேகமாக ஹரிஜனங்கள்தான். ஆகவே அவர்களுடைய நலனை கவனிக்க ஜெயில் கமிட்டிகளில் ஹரிஜன மெம்பர்களை நியமிக்க கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பாரா ? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" They are also appointed as members of the committee. Regarding the first part of the question, I am not in a position to say whether it is a fact or not."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" இந்த அறிக்கை வெளியிடப்பட்டு சுமார் 7, 8 மாதங்களுக்குமேல் ஆகிறது. இந்த எட்டு மாதங்களும் சர்க்கார் ஆலோசனை செய்துகொண்டு வந்திருக்கிறது. இதுவரை ஏதாவது ஒரு சிபாரிசாவது அமுல் நடத்தப்பட்டு இருக்கிறதா ? அப்படி இருந்தால் எந்தச் சிபாரிசு அமுல் நடத்தப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" I am afraid the hon. Member did not listen to my reply. We have implemented the recommendations in respect of 8 or 9 items. We are implementing the other recommendations gradually."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" ஒரு கம்யூனிஸ்ட் கைதி இந்த மாகாணத்துச் சிறையிலிருந்து இன்னொரு மாகாணச் சிறைக்கு மாற்றப்பட்டு இருக்கிறார். அதுவும் ஜெயில் கமிட்டியின் சிபாரிசுகளை அமுல் நடத்தும் ஏற்பாட்டின் விளைவா என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" It did not arise out of this."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The transfer of a certain prisoner from this State to another State was brought about by the prisoner's own conduct and not on account of the Committee's report."

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" Will the Government place copies of the Report on the table of this House? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The Government have placed some copies of the Report in the Legislature Library."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" ஜெயிலிலிருந்து கோர்ட்டுக்கு அரசியல் கைதிகளை அழைத்துச் செல்லும்போது அவர்களது கைகளுக்கு விலங்குகள் போடப்படுவது நியாயமா ? இது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" I am not aware of any such incidents."